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Michael O. Leavitt, Administrator
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Attention: Chemical Right to Know Program

Re: Lyondell Chemical Company Test Plan for 2-Methyl-1, 3-propanediol (CAS# 2163-42-0)
HPV Registration Number

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Lyondell Chemical Company submits its data review and test plan for 2-Methyl-1, 3-propanediol (MP Diol® Glycol; CAS# 2163-42-0) under the High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. Also submitted are the robust summaries for 2-Methyl-1, 3-propanediol presented in IUCLID format.

Lyondell's assessment is that adequate information is available to meet the HPV Challenge requirements and is not proposing to conduct any additional testing on this substance.

In preparing this review and test plan, Lyondell has given careful consideration to the principles contained in the letter EPA sent to all HPV Challenge Program participants on October 14, 1999. As requested by EPA in that letter, Lyondell has sought to maximize the use of existing data, scientifically appropriate categories of related chemicals, and structure activity relationships. Also, as requested in the October letter, in analyzing the adequacy of existing data, Lyondell has conducted a thoughtful, qualitative analysis rather than a rote checklist approach.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 713.652.7339 or at claudio.white@equistarchem.com.

Sincerely,

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